

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified patent application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-9, 18, 25-28, 51-62 and 71-77 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,181,992 to Gurne et al. (Gurne). Claims 10-17, 19-24, 29-50, 63-70 and 78-95 stand rejected under U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gurne in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,430,485 to Hullinger (Hullinger). For at least the following reasons, applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

Applicants' independent claims 1 and 28, Gurne are rejected as being anticipated by Gurne. However, a claim is anticipated under 35 U.S.C. § 102 only if each and every limitation of the claim is disclosed either expressly or inherently in a single prior art reference. MPEP §2131. Here, the Examiner has failed to make a prima facie showing of anticipation under 35 U.S.C. § 102 because Gurne does not show or disclose each and every limitation of applicants' claims 1 and 28, either expressly or inherently. For example, Gurne does not show or disclose an adapter comprising "a second interface including a universal serial bus (USB) controller having a USB device port and a USB host port, the second interface configured for operatively coupling to the remote computer via the USB device port and the USB host port" which is required by each of applicants' independent claims 1 and 28.

Gurne discloses at col. 4, lines 24-35 that the hand held tool (10) includes an expansion slot (31), a number of connection points (32-28) for electrical probes, an RS-232 connection (40) for communicating with other computers and computer peripherals,

a vehicle interface connection (42), a GPIB master station interface connection (44) and an expansion port (48). A GPIB, or general purpose interface bus, interface is generally understood by those skilled in the art to be synonymous with an IEEE-488 bus that allows several devices to share a single 8-bit parallel electrical bus. Nowhere does Gurne show or disclose that the hand held tool (10) may have an interface including a universal serial bus (USB) controller having a USB device port and a USB host port such that the interface is configured for operatively coupling to a remote computer via the USB device port and the USB host port as required by each of applicants' independent claims 1 and 28.

Because, Gurne fails to show or disclose at least one limitation of applicants' independent claims 1 and 28, Gurne cannot anticipate applicants' independent claims 1 and 28. Accordingly, withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. § 120(e) rejection thereof is respectfully requested. Because claims 2-9 and 18 depend from claim 1, applicants assert that these claims are similarly not anticipated by Gurne for the same reasons just given with respect to claims 1 and 28.

The remainder of applicants' claims 10-17, 19-24, 28-50 and 63-95 are rejected as being obvious over Gurne in view of Hullinger. However, these rejections are based on the Examiner's view that Gurne's hand held tool (10) includes a USB-type interface, Applicants' have hereinabove explained that, contrary to the Examiner's view, the Gurne tool (10) does not include a USB-type interface. Applicants further note that Hullinger likewise fails to show or disclose a device having a USB interface. In contrast, each of applicants' claims 1-95 require some type of USB interface. Neither Gurne nor Hullinger, alone or in combination, show, disclose, teach or suggest providing an

adapter with a USB interface as required by each of applicants' claims. As such, the combination of Gurne and Hullinger cannot support a prima facie case of obviousness under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), and withdrawal of these rejections is therefore respectfully requested.

Applicants have traversed the all rejections of claims 1-95, and claims 1-95 are therefore believed to be in condition for allowance. The Examiner is cordially invited to contact the undersigned by telephone to discuss any unresolved matters.

Respectfully submitted,

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